

## **Blind Willie Johnson**

# **"Mother`s Children Have A Hard Time"**

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Well, well, well, ah  
A motherless children have a hard time  
Motherless children have a hard time, mother's dead  
They'll not have anywhere to go, wanderin' around  
from door to door  
Have a hard time Nobody on earth can take a mother's  
place when, when mother is dead, Lord  
Nobody on earth takes mother's place when, mother's  
dead  
Nobody on earth takes mother's place, when you were  
startin', paved the way  
Nobody treats you like mother will when Your wife or  
husband may be good to you, when mother is dead,  
Lord  
They'll be good to you, mother's dead  
A wife or a husband may be good to you, but, better  
than nothing has proved untrue  
Nobody treats you like mother will when, when mother  
is dead, Lord Lord, Lord, Lord  
Yeah, well, ah  
Well, some people say that sister will do, when mother  
is dead  
That sister will do when mother's dead  
Some people say that sister will do, but, as soon as  
she's married, she turn her back on you  
Nobody treats you like mother will And father will do  
the best he can, when mother is dead, Lord  
Well, the best he can when mother is dead  
Father will do the best he can, so many things a father  
can't understand  
Nobody treats you like mother will A motherless  
children have a hard time, when mother is dead, Lord  
Motherless children have a hard time, mother's dead  
They'll not have anywhere to go, Wanderin' around  
from door to door  
Have a hard time

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